एशिया पेसफिक एन जी० ओ ज कान्फ्रेंस

3255. **श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :**
श्री सुरेन्द्र सिंह अहलुवालिया :

क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में हुई एशिया पेसफिक एन० जी० ओ० ज० की कान्फ्रेंस में इस आशय का एक प्रस्ताव पारित हुआ था कि चूंकि देश में बने बड़े बांध अपने उद्देश्यों को प्राप्त करने में असमर्थ रहे हैं अतः भविष्य में बड़ी बांध परियोजनाओं के स्थान पर केवल छोटी योजनाएं बनाई जानी चाहिएं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं ; और क्या सरकार भावी योजनाएं बनाते समय इसे ध्यान में रखेगी ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) और (ख) सम्मेलन के संकल्पों में से एक में बड़े बांधों से प्रेक्षेपित लाभ प्राप्त न होने तथा छोटे पैमाने पर लागत प्रभावी विकल्पों की विद्यमानता के सम्बन्ध में उल्लेख है । किसी बांध का आधार विशिष्ट परियोजना तथा स्थिति के अनुरूप होता है और सभी सम्बद्ध पहलुओं पर विचार करने के बाद यह निर्धारित किया जाता है ।

Findings of Jain-Banerjee Committee

3256. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRs be pleased to state

(a) what are the findings of the inquiry made by Jain-Banerjee Committee set up in accordance with the Misra Commission Report; and

(b) what action has been initiated by Government in accordance with the suggestions made by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Tho Committee has not yet sub-mitted its report.

(b) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of REP iu North East

3257. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that REP is still in force in the North East;

(b) if so, what is the reason for the enforcement of REP in Assam;

(c) when do the Government of India propose to withdraw the REP to facilitate the going of foreign tourists in Assam and the North East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Foreigners (Restricted Area) Order, 1963 is in force in certain States in the North East.

(b) Various factors like proximity to the international border, general law and order climate, sensitivity of the State, etc. have necessitated the enforcement of the Order.

(c) The situation is reviewed periodically by the Government of India,

Forest Cover

3258. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the latest date compiled by

the Forest Survey of India and tho National Remote Sensing Agency, India's forest cover in relation to total land mass is 19.25 per cent whereas the minimum requirement for maintaining ecological and environmental balance is 33 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about 53 per cent of Indias total land mass has turned into wasteland;

(c) if so, in what manner Government propose to bring 110 million hectares of wasteland under forest cover by the end of this century as has been indicated in the perspective plan;

(d) whether the target of bringing 10 million hectares of wasteland under forest cover by 1990 will be adequate and if not, whether the target will be revised;

(e) whether Government propose to launch a time bound afforestation programme for maintaining the ecological balance;

(f) whether Government also propose to prepare special programme for the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra which have degraded land of about 10 million hectares or more; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission on Agriculture had estimated the extent of wastelands in the country to be 175 million hectares.

(c) to (g) The afforestation targets are fixed on year to year basis, taking into account all relevant factors in cluding the availability of resources.

Garments export Policy

3259. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have formulated a long term Export Entitlement Distribution Policy for garments; and

(b) if so, what are the important features of the Policy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is given below.

Statement

The salient features of the long term Export Entitlement Distribution policy for Garments are: —

(1) The policy will be for a period of three years as against an annual policy.

(2) The allotment of the past performance will be on the basis of value instead of on the basis of quantity.

(3) In order to provide, *inter-alias,* opportunities to new expor ters, including small scale entrepre-nurs, the Government has introdu ced, as an experimental measure an innovative "Open Tender Sys tem" for super-fast categories.

(4) In order to upgrade the technology of garment manufacturing in the country a new direction has been given to Manufacturer-Exporter System with increased allocation and a minimum stipulation of number of machines.

(5) In order to diversify exports, the allocation for Non-Quota Exporters System has been increased substantially and exports of nonquota items to Quota countries will also be counted for allocation under this system.

Repatriation of Foreign Exchange by Tatas, etc.

3260. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PAT-TNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Questiaon 3085